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FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM DEPARTMENT NOON PRESS BRIEFING  
JULY 16 DEALING WITH THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS.

QUOTE: NOW, ON CYPRUS, LET ME JUST GIVE YOU A FEW POINTS  
HERE THAT WE HAVE ON AN UPDATE.

SCATTERED SHOOTING CONTINUES TO BE REPORTED IN THE LIMASSOL  
AND PAPHOS AREAS.

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Q: IN WHAT AREAS?

A: LIMASSOL, WHICH IS SOUTHEAST OF NICOSIA ON THE COAST,  
AND THE PAPHOS AREA, WHICH IS ON THE COAST SOUTHWEST OF

NICOSIA.

AND WE ARE CONTINUING ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WITH THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF PREVENTING A FURTHER EXACERBATION OF THE SITUATION. AND WE ARE URGING RESTRAINT ON ALL CONCERNED.

AND IN FOLLOWING UP WHAT I SAID YESTERDAY, WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE GREEK AND TURKISH GOVERNMENTS.

Q: WHEN?

A: SINCE I TALKED YESTERDAY.

WE DEPLORE THE RESORT TO VIOLENCE THAT HAS DESTABILIZED THE SITUATION ON THE ISLAND. AND, AS WE SAID YESTERDAY, OUR POLICY REMAINS ONE OF SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND URGE ALL OTHER STATES TO DO LIKEWISE.

WE HAVE SEEN THE WELCOME REPORTS THAT ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS IS ALIVE, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED INFORMATION ON HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ON THE QUESTION OF THE WELL-BEING OF AMERICANS ON CYPRUS, OUR EMBASSY HAS REPORTED THAT TWO DEPENDENTS OF U.S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WERE WOUNDED BY STRAY BULLETS ON THE EVENING OF JULY 15, LAST EVENING. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THIS OCCURRED. BOTH HAVE BEEN TREATED IN A NICOSIA CLINIC AND ARE REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION.

THE NAMES OF THE TWO PEOPLE ARE: MRS. THOMAS E. PRICE, WHO WAS SHOT IN THE ARM, AND A MISS KELLY SUTTON, DAUGHTER OF DAVID SUTTON, WHO WAS WOUNDED IN THE FACE.

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Q: DO YOU HAVE THE HOME TOWNS?

A: LET ME GET THAT. I DO NOT HAVE IT.

Q: WHO IS MRS. PRICE A DEPENDENT OF, AND WHAT DOES HE OR SHE DO?

A: WELL, MRS. THOMAS E. PRICE IS THE WIFE OF THOMAS PRICE, AND HE IS ATTACHED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL RELAY OFFICE, WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR NICOSIA. AND DAVID SUTTON IS ALSO ATTACHED TO THE SAME OFFICE, STATE DEPARTMENT REGIONAL RELAY OFFICE.

IT'S A STATE DEPARTMENT FACILITY WHICH RELAYS INCOMING AND OUTGOING DIPLOMATIC CABLES FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AREA.

Q: HOW OLD IS THE CHILD? IS THAT A CHILD?

A: I DO NOT HAVE HER AGE. I'LL SEE IF I CAN GET ANY MORE DETAILS ON THAT FOR YOU.

NOW, THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION ON CYPRUS IS UNCLEAR, CONTINUES TO BE UNCLEAR. AND IN OUR VIEW, AS OF THE MOMENT, THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Q: YEST. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, "THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE"?

A: WELL, BECAUSE ONE OF THE CRITERIA THAT WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, IN RECOGNIZING GOVERNMENTS IS DONE ON THE BASIS OF THE EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER THE TERRITORY CONCERNED. AND, AS I JUST SAID, THE PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION IS STILL VERY UNCLEAR AND WE'RE UNABLE TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT AT THIS TIME.

Q: THE FACT THAT THERE IS DIPLOMATIC CONTACT WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN OR IMPLY RECOGNITION?

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A: I AM UNAWARE WHETHER THERE IS DIPLOMATIC CONTACT.

Q: YOU HAVE MENTIONED THAT THE U.S. POLICY REMAINS ONE SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IS WHETHER WE SUPPORT THE REST OF THE 1960 AGREEMENT AMONG GREECE, TURKEY AND BRITAIN, WHICH I THINK THE FIRST WAS THE TREATY PROHIBITING ENOSIS OR PARTITION.

THE REASON I RAISE THAT IS THAT THE CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE THE THIRD POINT IN THAT DEAL. YOU HAVEN'T MENTIONED THE FIRST POINT, WHICH WAS THE PROHIBITION OF ENOSIS OR PARTITION. DOES THE U.S. CONTINUE TO FAVOR THE FIRST POINT OF THE TREATY OF 1960?

A: I JUST WANT TO REMAIN EXACTLY ON THE STATEMENT THAT I'VE MADE HERE. IT REMAINS ONE OF SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AND ITS CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. I WANT TO JUST LEAVE IT THERE.

Q: DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE STILL CONSIDER MAKARIOS THE RULER OF CYPRUS OF THE PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS? IS THE MAKARIOS GOVERNMENT THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS AT THE MOMENT AS FAR AS WE'RE CONCERNED?

A: I THINK ON THAT ONE I WOULD JUST HAVE TO, INASMUCH AS WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE CONFIRMED WHEREABOUTS OF ARCH-BISHOP MAKARIOS, I WOULD RATHER JUST NOT COMMENT ON IT AT ALL.

Q: WELL, THE GOVERNMENT, IRRESPECTIVE OF MAKARIOS' WHEREABOUTS THERE ARE TWO CONTENDING GOVERNMENTS THERE. WHICH GOVERNMENT IS THE GOVERNMENT AT THE MOMENT AS FAR AS THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED?

A: ON THAT I GO BACK TO THE QUESTION WITH REGARD TO THE PEOPLE THAT MOUNTED THE COUP D'ETAT , THE QUESTION OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT ARISE AT THIS TIME.  
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Q: WELL, IT CANNOT ARISE BECAUSE THINGS ARE IN FLUX, OR IT CANNOT ARISE BECAUSE WE THINK THE MAKARIOS GOVERNMENT IS THE GOVERNMENT?

A: BECAUSE THINGS ARE IN FLUX.

Q: HAVE WE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE BRITISH ABOUT THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE PRESIDENT?

A: WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSULTATION WITH THE U.K. GOVERNMENT. I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE NATURE OF OUR CONTACTS WITH THE U.K. GOVERNMENT.

Q: IS THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT TO DETERMINE WHERE MAKARIOS IS, OR IS THE NATURE OF THE CONTACT TO FIND OUT HOW THE SITUATION CAN BE STABLIZED WITH THE HELP OF THE BRITISH?

A: AS I SAID BEFORE, I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE NATURE OF OUR CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.K. GOVERNMENT.

Q: WHICH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE WE IN CONTACT WITH? U.K. AND YOU HAVE MENTIONED GREECE AND TURKEY.

A: YES.

Q: THE SOVIET UNION.

A: YES, WE ARE.

Q COULD YOU TELL US WHICH ELSE, ANY OTHERS?

A: THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT. AND THEN OBVIOUSLY IN THE NATO CONTEXT WE ARE DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT WITH OUR ALLIES IN BRUSSELS, SO THAT INCLUDES CERTAIN OTHER GOVERNMENTS THERE. I DO NOT HAVE ANY OTHER INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC GOVERNMENTS.

Q: HOW HAVE WE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIET UNION?

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A: WELL, THE SECRETARY SAW AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN YESTERDAY, AS I ANNOUNCED HERE.

Q: AT THE BEGINNING OF YOUR STATEMENT, YOU SAID, "WE ARE CONTINUING ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC CONTACT, AND URGING CONSTRAINT ON ALL CONCERNED." DOES THAT MEAN THAT YOU ARE IN CONTACT WITH THE TAKE-OVER GOVERNMENT OR NOT?

A: I CANNOT ANSWER THAT SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY TELEGRAMS INDICATING SAME. I WOULD NOT RULE THAT OUT, BUT I JUST HAVEN'T ---

Q: YOU SAID EARLIER, "I AM UNAWARE OF ANY DIPLOMATIC CONTACT." THAT IS WHAT YOU SAID EARLIER.

A: THAT IS RIGHT, AND I AM IN ESSENCE REPEATING THAT.

Q: ACCORDING TO ONE DISPATCH, FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN NICOSIA WERE TOLD NOT TO USE THEIR TELEX OR THEIR RADIOS. FIRST OF ALL, IS THAT CORRECT?

A: I DO NOT KNOW. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT THAT REPORT.

Q: CAN YOU SAY IF THE UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED ABOUT ANY THREAT OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION INTO CYPRUS?

A: YES, WE WOULD BE, BECAUSE OUR PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE, AS I SAID EARLIER, IS OF PREVENTING A FURTHER EXACERBATION OF THE SITUATION. SO, THAT WOULD CERTAINLY EXACERBATE THE SITUATION.

Q: ALONG THOSE LINES, COULD YOU GIVE US ANY INDICATION OF THE RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR RESTRAINT, PARTICULARLY FROM ATHENS AND ANKARA?

A: AT THIS STAGE, I DO NOT WANT TO GET INTO THE NATURE OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO EITHER OF THESE TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE WERE IN CONTACT, AND WE ARE IN CONTINUING CONTACT WITH THEM.

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Q WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE SPECIFICS OF WHAT THEY ARE SAYING, WE ARE URGING RESTRAINT. ARE THE TURKS AND THE GREEKS IN THAT SORT OF MOOD?

A: WELL, WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION VERY, VERY CLEAR TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS ON OUR POLICY THAT I HAVE MENTIONED HERE.

Q- I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WHAT SORT OF RESPONSE DO WE GET IN A GENERAL WAY, CAN YOU TELL US?  
ETIN A GENERAL WAY, CAN YOU TELL US?

A: I JUST DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE NATURE OF OUR REPRESENTATIONS RIGHT NOW.

Q: ACCORDING TO THE TREATY CITED, THE THREE POWERS -- TURKEY, GREECE, AND THE BRITISH -- HAVE THE RIGHT, IF NOT THE OBLIGATION, TO INTERVENE AND AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE TURKS AND THE BRITISH ARE IN SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS OR TALKS, AT LEAST, ABOUT SUCH AN INTERVENTION. IS THAT SOMETHING WHICH YOU WOULD DEPLORE?

A: WELL, LET ME SAY THIS. I AM UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH PLAN THAT YOU HAVE MENTIONED. OBVIOUSLY THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT AND THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE, AND ARE CONSULTING, BUT HERE AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE ARE HAVING WITH THE U.K. GOVERNMENT, OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AT THIS TIME.

Q: HAS NATO, AS AN ORGANIZATION, TAKEN ANY DIPLOMATIC OVERTURE TOWARDS THE TWO PARTICIPANTS, THE TWO COUNTRIES THAT ARE INVOLVED -- GREECE AND TURKEY?

A: I AM UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH MOVE.

Q: HAS AMBASSADOR MACOMBER LEFT YET TODAY FOR ANKARA, I BELIEVE? IS THAT TIED IN WITH THE CRISIS? WAS HE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE YESTERDAY?

A: NO, HE LEFT BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS, AND HE WANTED TO GET BACK TO HIS POST. YES, YOU ARE RIGHT ON THAT.  
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Q: YOU SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES IS AGAINST INTERVENTION, OR, TO PUT IT ANOTHER WAY, THE U.S. HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON ALL STATES AND DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE GET IN THERE TO EXACERBATE THE SITUATION. THE QUESTION, AND THIS MAY BE A TECHNICALITY, BUT IT MAY BE AN IMPORTANT ONE, DOES THE FACT THAT MAKARIOS HAD ASKED FOR THE

RECALL OF THE 650 GREEK OFFICERS WHO LED THE NATIONAL GUARD IN THIS OPERATION AND THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE NOT LEFT IN RESPONSE TO HIS RECALL, AND THAT THEY LED THE TAKE-OVER, DO YOU CONSIDER THAT GREECE HAS ALREADY INTERVENED IN THE SITUATION? THESE ARE OFFICERS OF GREECE'S ARMY.

A: THATS RIGHT.

Q: AND PRESUMABLY THE GREEKS STILL HAVE SOME CONTROL OVER THEM.

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A: I FRANKLY JUST DON'T WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT.

Q: YOU LEFT A HOLE IN THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE THIS MORNING BETWEEN BREAKFAST AND PRESUMABLY NOW. WAS THERE A WSAG MEETING?

A: YES THERE WAS. I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THAT THERE WAS A 45-MINUTE MEETING THAT TOOK PLACE BEGINNING AT 10:30 THIS MORNING. AND, IN THAT CONNECTION THE SECRETARY WAS IN TOUCH WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS, BECAUSE I WAS ASKED THIS QUESTION YESTERDAY.

Q: HAVE WE HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT ASKING FOR A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY TO REQUEST THE REMOVAL BY GREECE OF THE 650 OFFICERS?

A: THE ONLY THING THAT I AM AWARE OF IS THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS CALLED A MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THAT THIS WAS HIS INITIATIVE. THAT IS THE ONLY THING THAT I AM AWARE OF. AND I BELIEVE UNCLASSIFIED

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IT WAS SCHEDULED FOR 3 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON, BUT THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING.

Q: DID WE SUPPORT HIS CALL?

A: WELL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, HE CALLS THE MEETING. IT ISN'T A QUESTION ---

Q: BUT I WAS TOLD THAT HE SPOKE TO THE SECRETARY YESTERDAY BY PHONE.

A: WELL, WE WILL BE AT THE MEETING. LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.

Q: DOES THE UNITED STATES HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS REPORT THAT MAKARIOS WAS FLOWN OUT OF THE ISLAND?

A: WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT BUT THAT IS WHY, IN THE GUIDANCE I GAVE YOU, I SAID THAT WE HAVE NO CONFIRMED INFORMATION OF HIS WHEREABOUTS. WE JUST HAVEN'T GOT ANY CONFIRMED INFORMATION, BUT WE SAW THIS REPORT THAT YOU ARE REFERRING TO.

Q: THIS IS WHAT PUZZLES ME. THE UNITED STATES IS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH, AND I ASSUME THAT MAKARIOS DIDN'T FLY WITHOUT A PLANE.

A: THE REPORT THAT I SAW WAS A REUTER'S REPORT OUT OF LONDON, AS I RECALL.

Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT YOU ARE SATISFIED, THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS SATISFEID THAT HE IS ALIVE; WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS?

A: YES, WE ARE SATISFIED THAT HE IS ALIVE, BUT NOT ON THE WHEREABOUTS.

Q: YOU SAID EARLIER THAT THE U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT ANY THREAT OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION. DO YOU SEE SUCH A THREAT?

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A: THE SITUATION IS SO UNCLEAR RIGHT NOW, I JUST DON'T WANT TO COMMENT ON THIS. LET'S WAIT UNTIL I GET THE NEXT UPDATE FOR YOU. ....

Q: COMING BACK TO CYPRUS, IS THE DEPARTMENT FAIRLY SATISFIED THAT BRITAIN IS LIVING UP TO THE TERMS, OR AT LEAST THE SPIRIT, OF THE RECENT NATO DECLARATION ON CONSULTATIONS?

A: I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT. WE ARE IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT -- I HAVEN'T SEEN ANY DETAILS OF ANY DISCUSSIONS THAT THE U.K. MIGHT HAVE HAD IN BRUSSELS IN THE NATO COUNCIL.

Q: THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR EVACUATION OF ANY AMERICANS, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT?

A NO. THAT STANDS WHERE I LEFT IT YESTERDAY.

Q: IS THERE ANY CONCERN ABOUT THE FACT THAT RUSSIAN SHIPS ARE NOW HEADING IN AN EASTWARD DIRECTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN?

A: I BELIEVE THIS WAS RAISED OVER AT THE DEFENSE DEPART-



MENT TODAY, AND I THINK JUST USE WHAT THEY GAVE YOU ON THAT.

Q: YES, BUT IT IS A POLITICAL QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS CONCERN ABOUT THE MOVEMENT OF SHIPS. THEY ARE THE ONES THAT ANNOUNCED THE MOVEMENT. ARE WE CONCERNED THAT THAT COULD BE A DESTABILIZING FACTOR?

A: I WOULD HAVE TO CHECK EXACTLY WHAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAID BEFORE I COMMENT ON IT.

Q: THEY SAID SOME SHIPS WERE HEADED, BOTH SURFACE AND SUBMARINE, WERE HEADED IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION, SHIPS WHICH WERE NOT HEADED IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION BEFORE THE CRISIS, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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A: I REALLY CAN'T COMMENT ON THAT AT THIS STAGE, BECAUSE I JUST DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IT. I REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE JUST SAID, BUT I WOULD WANT TO CHECK IT OUT.

Q: CAN YOU SAY WHETHER THIS MAY HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AT YESTERDAY'S LUNCHEON?

A: NO, I CAN'T. END QUOTE KISSINGER

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